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DURGAWATI WATER RESERVOIR PROJECT OF BIHAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had accorded approval to Durgawati Water Reservoir Project of Bihar costing Rs. 234.41 crore on Durgawati river;

(b) if so, the amount of loan sanctioned for the project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme;

(c) the present status of the project; and

(d) the amount released so far by the Government to the State Government and the target fixed for completion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The project was originally approved by the Planning Commission for Rs. 25.30 crore during 1975. Subsequently, the first revised estimate for Rs. 234.41 crore at 1998 price level was considered by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources on 18.1.2000 and was found acceptable subject to certain conditions. Latest estimated cost of the project is Rs. 379.04 crore.

(b) to (d) Under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), an amount of Rs. 63.69 crore has been released for Durgawati Water Reservoir Project as Central Loan Assistance (CLA) upto March, 2005. An expenditure of Rs. 269.06 crore has been incurred on the project upto March, 2005. As per information provided by Government of Bihar, the project is scheduled for completion by December, 2007.